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Looks good!

Thanks,

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Thanks Jeremiah, I think you've captured it well.
Cheers,
Jen

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Thanks for the feedback from everyone. I have revised the condition based on comments. Let me know if the language sounds alright.

1. Shrubsteppe vegetation shall be replanted within one (1) year of completion of the project. It shall be a 1.5:1 mitigation ratio for all ground vegetation that is permanently removed for this project. This mitigation requirement can also be met off-site. All disturbed vegetation areas shall also be restored. A mitigation plan including a monitoring component shall be approved by Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife prior to construction.

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Jen,

Our intent is to develop a map of permanent impact and mitigation areas around that permanent impact area. We may have sufficient property onsite to meet the 1.5:1 mitigation level, but we will plant back the entire area that we own and may extend into the easement area if we have extra material and have surpassed our required mitigation ratio. A monitoring/reporting plan is not an issue, it is just remembering after the first year.

Thanks,

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I had a couple additional thoughts overnight. Please also ensure that disturbed areas outside of the permanent impact area are also restored. These areas would also fall into the mitigation plan that would include a monitoring component. We generally recommend monitoring/reporting at least in years 1, 3, and 5.

Again, we're happy to work with you on development of the mitigation plan and appreciate your willingness to collaborate on this.

Cheers,
Jen

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Ken,

I think that's a good clarification and is consistent with what we described on site. Additionally, we suggest clarifying "Fish and Wildlife" to be Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife or WDFW, so as not to be confused with USFWS.

I think it may be captured in the "coordination" piece, but we're hoping to see the mitigation areas so we can work with you to review/recommend appropriate species and mixes. Also, our expectation is that there will be some sort of monitoring and maintenance to ensure survival of

plants within the mitigation areas. These are just a couple of items that we're hoping to work closely with you on to ensure your extra efforts will result in a successful project. These types of things are generally developed in a mitigation plan that we could review and approve of prior to work occurring.

Thanks again for everyone's cooperation on this and the quick field visit and turn around.
I'm looking forward to working together,
Jen

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Jeremiah,

I have reviewed your language and would like to suggest a change to the first item. It was our understanding that the 1.5:1 mitigation was for vegetation permanently disturbed and all disturbed during construction. Please see my suggested changes below:

1. Shrubsteppe vegetation shall be replanted within one (1) year of completion of the project. It shall be a 1.5:1 mitigation ratio for all ground that vegetation is permanently removed for this project. This mitigation requirement can also be met off-site. Coordination with Fish and Wildlife shall be made to ensure vegetation replanting requirements are satisfactorily met.

Thanks,

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All,

I have drafted some language regarding the shrubsteppe habitat for a condition of approval (see below). Let me know what you think and if there is better language that could be used that all parties would mutually agree with. The County is thinking about issuing a DNS for SEPA on this project and having the shrubsteppe and cultural resource survey as part of the conditions for approval of the CUP.

1. Shrubsteppe vegetation shall be replanted within one (1) year of completion of the project. It shall be a 1.5:1 mitigation ratio for all vegetation that is disturbed and/or cleared during construction. This mitigation requirement can also be met off-site. Coordination with Fish and Wildlife shall be had to make sure vegetation replanting requirements are satisfactorily met.
2. The applicant shall complete a Cultural Resource Survey, shall submit this survey to Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP), the Yakama Nation, and Kittitas County, and shall comply with all recommendations within the Cultural Resource Survey and those submitted by DAHP, Yakama Nation and Kittitas County. This shall be accomplished prior to any ground disturbing activities for the project.
3. Should ground disturbing or other activities related to the proposed project result in the inadvertent discovery of cultural or archaeological materials, work shall be stopped in the immediate area and contact be made with the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP). Work shall remain suspended until the find is assessed and appropriate consultation is conducted. Should human remains be inadvertently discovered, as dictated by Washington State RCW 27.44.055, work shall be immediately halted in the area and contact made with the coroner and local law enforcement in the most expeditious manner possible.

Let me know your thoughts. Thanks.

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Thank you to all of you who came out for the site visit today (8/16/21) regarding mitigation for shrubsteppe.

From our conversations in the field, the following was communicated:

- There should be a 1 ½ to 1 mitigation ratio for impacts to the shrubsteppe habitat.
- There is not a lot of room on the site for mitigation but potential for some on site and possibly off-site in easements (I attached a PDF of the location that was discussed for some on site approximately 1.75-2 acres)
- Off-site mitigation discussions included possibly on Bugni property, BPA easements or existing PUD easements

A cultural resource survey will be done on the property which may affect mitigation efforts.

The Boundary Line Adjustment is ongoing with BPA. Please send this to Kittitas County when you have a chance.

Let me know if there was anything else that needs to be added or discussed.

Thanks.

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